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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Olivier RAYSSAC et al.

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FOR: PROCESS FOR SEPARATION OF TWO ELEMENTS AND DEVICE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: PCT Transmittal Letter/Notice of Priority/PCT/IB/304/Declaration
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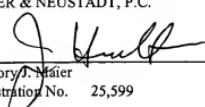
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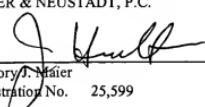
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-29 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 30-58 as follows:

30. (New) A process for separation of two elements of a structure containing the two elements brought into adherent contact with one another by respective bonded adherent faces and with at least one interface;

wherein the process involves, before the elements are brought into adherent contact, carrying out of at least one cavity, said cavity being made in at least one of the elements and